

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING AND
STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING JOINT MEETING**

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Adult Services Agency
Ramada Hotel & Conference Center
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy, American Room; Lansing, MI 48933
April 15, 2016 @9:00 AM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wishart called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Commissioner Adeyanju.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

The Commission roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Dona Wishart, Matthew Adeyanju, Douglas Chalgian, Sibyl Ellis, Joan Ilardo, Gerald Irby, Harold Mast, Donna Murray-Brown, Renee' Reid-Smith, Jeffery Schade, Michael Sheehan and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Michael Burri, Kathleen LaTosch and Richard Ortega.

COUNCIL ROLL CALL

The Council roll call was taken.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Michael Sheehan, Vice- Chairperson John Murphy, Alan Bond, Vicente Castellanos, Charles Corwin, Thomas Hartwig, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Mary Jones, Nicolette McClure, Gerald McCole, Pamela McKenna, Perry Ohren, Angela Perone, Mary Lou Proefrock, Gary Scholten, Terry Vear, Susan Vick, Wendy White, John Zimmerman, and Ex-Officio Member Robyn Ford.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Regina Allen, Nellie Blue, Kellie Boyd, Georgia Durga (resigned), Kathleen Earle, Sandra Falk-Michaels, Lois Hitchcock, Elizabeth Ireland-Curtis, Victoria Laupp, Roy Pentilla, Jean Peters, Gene Pisha, Patricia Rencher, Donald Ryan, Mona Sashital, Linda Strohl, Kathleen Williams-Newell and Ginny Wood-Broderick, and Ex-Officio Members Susy Avery and Elizabeth Thompson.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) STAFF PRESENT

Richard Kline, Scott Wamsley, Wendi Middleton, Sarah Slocum, Eric Berke, Dan Doezeema, Carol Dye, Dawn Jacobs, Sherri King, Gloria Lanum, Phil Lewis, Laura McMurtry, Becky Payne, Sally Steiner and Lauren Swanson-Aprill.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Sharon Gire, Kari Sederburg, Janet Clark, Bob Clingenpeel, Jonathon Mead, Hollis Turnham, Sarah Howard, John Greenslit, Brad Christenson, Ann Langford, Perry Ohren and Karen DeShields.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the agenda. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2016, minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mast seconded the motion.

Commissioner Reid-Smith noted a correction to the minutes. A motion was made to approve the amended minutes unanimously with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Janet Clark of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton County RSVP spoke about funding challenges since the last round of cuts were made to her program, and encouraged the Commission to assist them with additional funding as they continue to struggle with doing more with less funding.

Commissioner Wishart thanked Ms. Clark for addressing the commission with her concerns.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Wishart stated the stakeholder's workgroup is working on the aging website with Phil Lewis, and is moving forward.

Commissioner Wishart stated with the current AASA transitions, Richard Kline is serving as the Acting Executive Director, and Scott Wamsley is serving as the Acting Deputy Director.

Commissioner Ortega volunteered to represent and attend the SAC meeting in June.

Commissioner Wishart thanked Kari Sederburg, former AASA Executive Director and friend, who transitioned to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, and presented her with a parting gift from the Commission.

Ms. Sederburg thanked the Commission and the SAC and stated she would be back in touch through her role at the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) ACTING EXEC DIRECTOR REPORT

Acting Executive Director, Richard Kline, thanked former Director Sederburg for all her work on the transition plan, allowing for a smooth process, and expressed his appreciation to Scott Wamsley for stepping into the role of acting Deputy Director, and to the AASA team.

Director Kline stated the merger is still ongoing, and there have been discussions about centralizing grant writing and funding processes, as well as about AASA's impending move.

Director Kline stated the BOLD Council is working on quality improvement processes, including non-emergency transportation, how policies are written, independent living home help services, APS initiatives, among others, and are making good progress.

Director Kline stated APS is currently working on their ASCAP project, a web-based program that will update their process to help make them more efficient.

Director Kline stated AASA is working with the Medicaid office on conflict-free level of care determination, a MIChoice program.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Phil Lewis, AASA Legislative provided a handout and update on the Older Americans Act Reauthorization, which was presented to President Obama for signature, noting he would forward additional information once it's signed

Mr. Lewis provided a handout and update on AASA's State budget bills, noting both chambers provided a five percent increase on the community services line item, and a sizeable increase on the nutrition line item, which will aid AASA in making Michigan a no wait state. Both bills will move to the full appropriations committee in both chambers.

Mr. Lewis provided a handout and update on the CARE Act, which was recently signed into law by the Governor, that allows individuals checking into hospitals to designate a caregiver so hospitals will be able to work with caregivers on discharge planning to aid them in safely caring for the patient going home.

Sarah Slocum, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, provided an update on points in the Older Americans Act Reauthorization related to Ombudsmen; on the Medical Parole bills that are in the House for a second reading; on the Michigan Auditor General's audit of the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, and she'll meet with legislators to discuss Ombudsmen services for those in the GR Home; and on the Ombudsman RFP, to contract out the State Ombudsman office, which is still in progress.

Mr. Lewis stated the Governor did his special message on aging in 2014 and saw the need for all State-related programs for older adults to be housed in one location, so he's working on launching a website, www.Michigan.gov/aging, with stakeholders to address retooling it for ease of understanding and navigation.

Commissioner Irby asked Mr. Lewis to provide monthly updates on the Dark Stores issue.

Commissioner Wishart stated Commissioner Murray-Brown will develop a structure, process and procedure for the Commission's advocacy interests to prioritize, and action steps.

Commissioner Reid-Smith stated with the CARE Act, there is no law that enforces the care advocate to carry out the plan, and is something she feels the CSA should raise awareness about to ensure the caregiver is following through to protect vulnerable seniors.

Commissioner Zamora stated she and Commissioner Mast were on the Senior Citizen of the Year's selection committee, and all nominations submitted were very humbling. She asked if AASA could publish the individual's stories to give a personal view of how people are working within the network, supporting the network, and are such great role models, and Mr. Lewis agreed to do this.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Scott Wamsley, Acting AASA Deputy Director, provided a handout on current year funding levels, and an overview of AASA's Federal and State expenditures.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Request for Approval to Reallocate Program Year (PY) 2015/2016 Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) Funds

Laura McMurtry, AASA SCSEP Manager, thanked and acknowledged past directors Sharon Gire and Kari Sederburg, for their leadership and support.

Ms. McMurtry provided background on SCSEP, and requested the reallocation of unspent SCSEP funds from Region 7 AAA to Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works!

A motion was made by Commissioner Schade to approve the reallocation of PY 2015/2016 SCSEP funds, as presented. Commissioner Murray-Brown seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) Funding, Known as Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH in Michigan

Sherri King, AASA Coordinator of Nutrition & Wellness Programs, provided background on Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH, and requested approval to reissue unredeemed previous year USDA SFMNP coupons, and new funding, and to allow AASA's Executive Director to adjust the grant award amount by five percent, based on funding availability.

Commissioner Ellis requested a breakdown by county and how the coupons are used, and Ms. King offered to send this.

Commissioner Irby requested information to assist him in seeking a food truck sponsor for Marquette, and Ms. King offered to send this.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the USDA SFMNP funding, known as Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH in Michigan, as presented. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Certification of Creating Confident Caregivers® (CCC) Master Trainer

Sally Steiner, AASA Dementia Specialist, introduced Sharon Gire who successfully fulfilled the requirements to become certified as CCC Master Trainer, and her benchmarks were reviewed and approved by Commissioners Ilardo, Reid-Smith and LaTosch.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the certification of Ms. Gire as a CCC master trainer, as presented. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion.

This motion was unanimously approved with a voice vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 to FY 2019 Multi-Year Area Plans (MYPs) and FY 2017 Annual Implementation Plans (AIPs)

Eric Berke, Field Services and Support Unit Manager, and Dan Doezema, AASA staff, clarified they are requesting approval of FY 2017 – FY 2019 MYPs, and FY 2017 AIPs *approval criteria*.

Mr. Berke and Mr. Doezema provided an overview of the three year MYP and yearly AIP processes, noting AASA is going into the new FY 2017 – FY 2019 MYP and FY 2017 AIP process, and highlighted the new and updated approval criteria that all AAAs must use, noting the updates made to the approval criteria should be implemented to improve information and better allow AAAs to conform with the Older Americans Act requirements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adeyanju to approve the FY 2017 – FY 2019 MYPs and FY 2017 AIPs approval criteria, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

This motion was unanimously approved with a voice vote.

Request for Approval of State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) Report

Commissioner Michael Sheehan, SAC Chair, provided the draft 2016 SAC annual report. Lauren Swanson-Aprill, AASA's SAC Lead, introduced four SAC members who provided an overview of the four topics within the ***2016 Annual Report to the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging on Direct Care Workers: Training, Certification, Accountability, Retention***, which the SAC was charged by the Commission to report on.

Commissioner Schade thanked the SAC for the hours and work spent on the report, and stated, related to what's cited on cost savings of direct care workers (DCWs), he cautioned it could be misleading to state there are substantial savings compared to a nursing home. He noted that folks at home are getting almost five hours per day of care through the MI Choice program, whereas folks in nursing facilities are getting 24 hours a day of care, so the yearly cost of \$66,000 for a nursing home, compared to the yearly cost of \$27,000 through MI Choice is not an accurate comparison.

Commissioner Reid-Smith stated clarification should be made that the cited \$15 hourly wage does not necessarily all go to the DCWs, but rather \$7 – \$8 may go to the worker, while the rest may go to an agency. She worked around getting CNA scholarships paid in advance with Community Colleges through the MTec and Career Tech education system in high schools, which are good career ladders and career tracks to go through.

She also suggested transportation should be defined to include "reliable," because that's dependent on getting someone on time to training, to the job, or to a medical appointment.

Commissioner Irby asked what the next steps for the report are.

Commissioner Sheehan stated they will send it electronically to every legislator, every AAA, every commission and council on aging, every senior center, and the entire aging network, once it's approved.

Commissioner Mast asked about the figures and data on page 9.

Hollis Turnham of PHI, Quality Care Through Quality Jobs, stated the data is from PHI, which is a combination of the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, who does not differentiate between people served at home or sites, and includes everyone in long-term supports and services, so it also includes workers serving those other than elders, particularly when adding in the entire home help workforce, which is over 60,000 people. The Bureau of Labor Statistics does not count self-employed people, which most home help workers are.

Ms. Turnham stated the Governor's taskforce that was called for in this year's appropriation language around community mental health, was a workgroup that she participated in who completed a report, and MDHHS should be releasing it soon.

Commissioner Mast stated this should to be addressed as a whole human service system, and not just aging.

Commissioner Wishart requested approval of the SAC report with the suggested edits and notations be included in the SAC's next steps.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the SAC report with the suggested edits and notations included, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval of State Advisory Council on Aging Appointments

Commissioner Sheehan, SAC Chairperson, provided the names of seven SAC applicants that were reviewed and recommended for a three-year term expiring May 1, 2019, by Commissioners Ortega, Reid-Smith and him.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schade to approve the seven SAC applicants, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Brief Report on Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF)

Kari Sederburg thanked former OSA director, Sharon Gire, for being there, and for her true advocacy. She thanked Commissioner Adeyanju for hosting a fabulous aging conference at Ferris State University, and she also thanked the whole AASA team, and a special thanks to Kathy Boles of the Flint AAA, and Commissioners Mast and Ilardo who hosted a senior forum on April 1st, with a donation from Detroit AAA.

Ms. Sederburg provided a handout and overview of her new role with the MHEF, which is focused on the health of Michigan residents, particularly children and older adults. This

endowment fund was created through legislation, and she will be heading up the healthy aging initiative where she'll look at how they can be strategic to ensure they're funding pilots, initiatives and innovations, for example, to assist with the work and partnerships in the aging network and state government. Their website is www.healthendowmentfund.com.

Fiscal Year 2015 National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) Report

Mr. Wamsley provided the NAPIS report, which is an account of how many people AASA served, how much service was provided, how much money was spent providing those services, and a look at the characteristics and trends of the aging service population.

OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Commissioner Wishart stated Older Michiganians Day is Wednesday, May 11, 2016, and the planning committee prepared a platform to highlight the importance of advocacy. She encouraged commissioners to attend, noting it will be on the east lawn of the State Capitol with a provision that if there's inclement weather, it will be cancelled, and to Google Older Michiganians Day for more information.

Commissioner Wishart announced Commissioner Renee Reid-Smith has officially submitted her letter of resignation to the Governor's office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Wishart stated there will be a public hearing following today's meeting on the Aging and Adult Services Agency state plan at 1:00 PM at this same location.

The next Commission on Services to the Aging meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Friday, May 20, 2016, at the Ramada Conference Center located at 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in Lansing, when the Commission will host the Gatekeeper of the Year event at 12:00 PM at the same location following the meeting.

These meetings are open to the public and those needing accommodations to attend should contact Carol Dye at least five business days prior to the meeting.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wishart adjourned the meeting at 12:22 PM.